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FBI reveals details of James Bulger and Catherine Greig's life on the run during her detention hearing Pair traveled, kept safe deposit boxes, called home {page 02}

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Commute. Delays

With temperatures expected in the 90s again today, contractors for the Commuter Rail are warning passengers about delays. Officials said high heat can cause the tracks to kink, increasing the chances of derailment, and therefore train speeds must be reduced. {page 04}

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Kidnap victim: No way out

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Whitey and Catherine's life on run

"I'm definitely opposed to being released on bail. Why should she get a break? She's been on the run."
TOM DONAHUE, SON OF ALLEGED BULGER VICTIM MICHAEL DONAHUE

FBI agent details travel of alleged mob boss and girlfriend ● Bulger kept safe deposit boxes in brothers' names ● Greig often called to talk to sister

After months on the road with her former boyfriend, alleged mob boss James "Whitey" Bulger, Teresa Stanley wanted to go home.

Bulger dropped off his then-girlfriend at her daughter's Hingham home and then went to Malibu Beach in Dorchester to meet mob associate Kevin Weeks and new girlfriend Catherine Greig, with whom Bulger would spend the next 16 years hiding.

That was one of the many details revealed about the fugitive duo's life on the run by a FBI agent who testified yesterday during Greig's probable cause and detention hearing.

Greig, 60, was charged with harboring Bulger as a fugitive. The duo was finally caught last month in Santa Monica, Calif.

While initially traveling with Stanley, Bulger visited Italy, England and Ireland and various states in America. He had some safe deposit boxes and safes stashed in Florida and New York. His brother, Jack, paid the rent on one box, said Special Agent Michael Carazza. The contact information attached to Bulger's London deposit box was that of his brother William, Carazza said.

Carazza later played a surveillance video that showed Greig walking into a California pharmacy to pick up medications. He also said that she would make calls to her sister's neighbor's home to talk with her sister.

Greig's lawyer, Kevin Reddington, and her sister, Margaret McCusker did not comment as they left the courthouse yesterday.

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▶ Sister of James "Whitey" Bulger's girlfriend Catherine Greig, Margaret McCusker, center, is surrounded by the media as she exits her sister's hearing at the Moakley Courthouse yesterday afternoon.

Requesting bail

- Grieg was charged with concealing a person from arrest and could be sentenced to five years in prison. She's currently being held behind bars until her trial starts.
- Her lawyer is arguing that she be released until her trial because she "is not a danger to the community nor is she a danger to any particular individual."
- A court document said Grieg would put up her Quincy home and her sister would put up her South Boston home as collateral totaling more than $850,000. She would also agree to home confinement and electronic monitoring.
- The hearing will continue tomorrow.

Grenade closes Mass. Ave.

CAMBRIDGE. Police closed down a portion of Massachusetts Avenue yesterday after reports of a grenade near Porter Square.

According to police reports, just after 9 a.m. the suspicious device was reportedly found near Mass. Ave. and Linnaean Street.

The grenade was "not a threat to the public" and was not live, according to a spokesman from the Cambridge Police Department.

It was a real grenade but contained no powder or detonator, a spokesman said. ● METRO

▶ Russell

Russell statue slated for plaza

BOSTON. Mayor Thomas Menino announced yesterday that Celtics legend Bill Russell's statue would be built at City Hall Plaza.

Menino said three designers were chosen to come up with a concept for the statue by Oct. 10.

He said the site is easily accessible for residents, fans and visitors to enjoy and represents Russell's civic commitment.

The statue will be paid for with a public fund raising campaign. ● METRO

Menino removes Boston from federal immigration program

Mayor Thomas Menino sent Police Commissioner Ed Davis to Washington yesterday, with letter in hand, to withdraw Boston from a controversial federal immigration initiative.

At a news conference yesterday morning, Menino said he planned to back out of the Secure Communities program, established so Immigration and Customs Enforcement can remove criminal aliens who pose a threat to public safety, because he felt the federal government was implementing the program like a crusade.

The program will be implemented in 2013, regardless of whether state officials sign on, according to reports.

Menino said America was built on immigration and he didn't want Boston to be a city where immigrants were afraid of being deported for simple acts.

He said people shouldn't be deported for crimes like stealing a car.

● STEVE ANNEAR

News in brief

City to launch minifarms

BOSTON. Nevermind traveling to the suburbs to get your fresh fruits and vegetables, Mayor Thomas Menino wants to bring the goods to the city.

Menino's office released a Request For Proposal yesterday looking for three companies to launch the Pilot Urban Agriculture Project.

The aim is to take three vacant, city-owned lots in Dorchester and turn them into minifarms so residents have easier access to fresh food for sale in the community. ● METRO

Tax holiday just a 'maybe'

BOSTON. Patrons shouldn't get too amped about a summer sales tax holiday just yet after Gov. Deval Patrick yesterday gave a "maybe" to a possible tax-free day in August. SHNS

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The revenue collected by Boston over the past two fiscal years from the 0.75 percent local option meals tax, according to data released this month. The state meals tax is 6.25 percent, but communities can opt in to a local tax that raises it to 7 percent.

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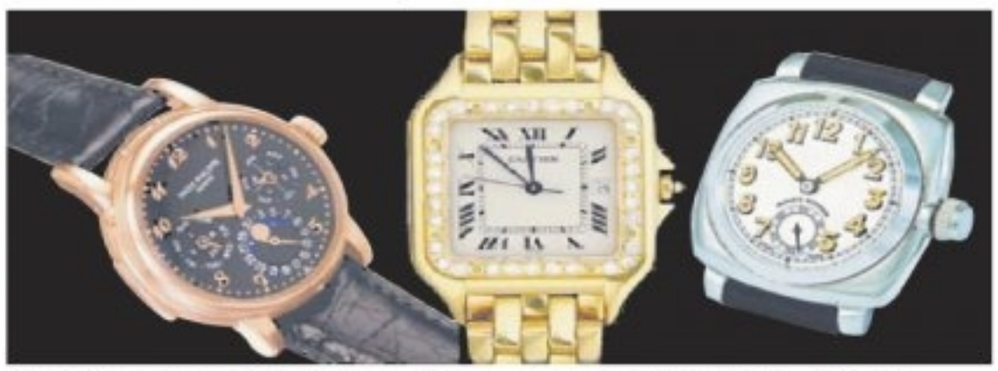

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Purple, purple or purple?

The MBTA is asking passengers to help pick one of three designs for the new commuter locomotives it is getting.

All three designs feature the classic purple color known to commuters, but each look varies.

Customers can go to the MBTA website for the next two weeks and choose which one they like by taking a poll.

The MBTA is waiting on 20 new locomotives to arrive, a $114 million investment that is the first of its kind in over 20 years for the transit agency.

The new fleet of diesel-electric trains will reduce fuel costs and emissions and improve reliability, according to a spokesperson from the MBTA. METRO/SA

When it gets hot, tracks get kink-y

Customers could see delays this week in 90-degree weather Heat expansion can cause tracks to bend

People piling into Commuter Rail cars from Allston to Worcester could see delays this week due to the heat.

Portions of the commuter rail will operate at half the normal speed at times because of the risk of the tracks "kinking" or bending in the 90-degree weather, according to the CSX Corporation.

CSX, the freight railroad company that manages and maintains the stretch of tracks from the Allston rail yard to Worcester's Union Station issued a heat advisory Monday, warning of delays.

It's CSX's policy to limit commuter trains to 40 miles per hour, and freight trains to 30 miles per hour, anytime the temperature hits the 90 mark.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ Heat waves rise off commuter rail tracks.

The MBTA-owned portions of commuter track, however, don't issue advisories until the "ambient temperature" reaches 95 degrees, according Scott Farmelant, spokesman for the Massachusetts Bay Commuter Rail.

Farmelant said when there are serious heat waves it raises "the possibility of a catastrophic derailment," because bending can occur.

This has never happened, said Farmelant, since the MBCR took over the MBTA's commuter trains and track maintenance in 2003 on all commuter lines except Worcester/Framingham and Providence/Attleboro.

But at least once each summer it slows down their operations, he said.

In 2006, customers saw delays for a week during a heat wave.

"It has to be pretty intensive heat for the system to be impacted," said Farmelant.

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Science behind it

According to MBTA Track Engineer Charles Rooney, a heat kink occurs when the stress created by heat expansion in the steel rails overcomes the anchoring system of ties and ballast, and the track buckles.

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Is Murdoch's empire ruined by its scandal?

US shares of News Corp. tumble following allegations of bribery, hack jobs Some demand Congress investigate if any Americans were targeted

Rupert Murdoch's media empire is in jeopardy as allegations fly that his journalists routinely hacked their way into the private information of citizens and high-ranking elected officials alike across the pond.

The hacking scandal has now slammed onto American shores. Stock market shares for Murdoch's News Corp. are off almost 15 percent since last week.

Yesterday, the watchdog group Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington asked Congress to investigate whether Murdoch's minions hacked the voice mails of any Americans. "It is becoming increasingly clear this scandal was not perpetrated by a few rogue reporters, but was systematically orchestrated at the highest levels," said CREW director Melanie Sloan.

Allegations of coverups and criminal violations of privacy could cause American law enforcement organizations to look into Murdoch's affairs.

The United States Department of Justice may use the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act to launch an investigation of allegations that News Corp. routinely paid police officers bribes for information, according to The Sydney Morning Herald.

As news of the widening scandal spread, stock market shares for News Corp. fell nearly 8 percent yesterday.

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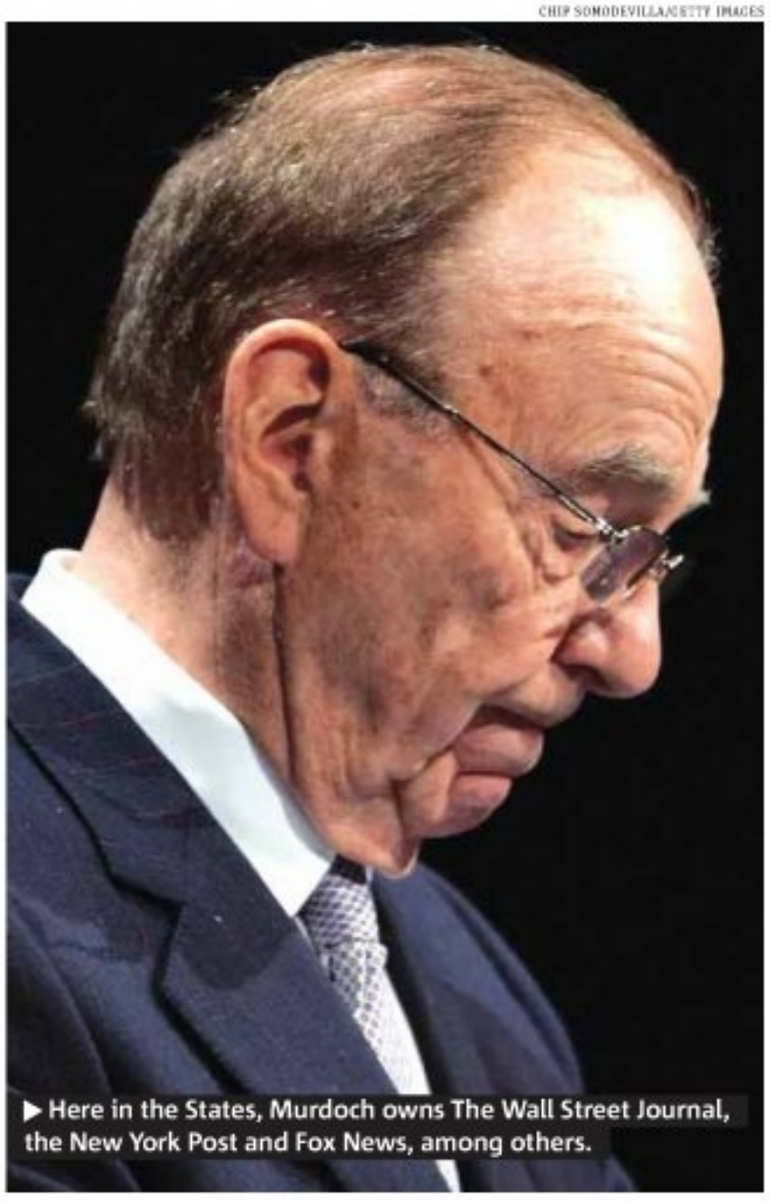

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Jaycee tells why escape was out of the question

Held for 18 years, kidnap victim's memoir set to hit shelves today

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▶ Almost 15 million viewers watched Diane Sawyer's interview with Jaycee Dugard on Sunday.

Kidnapped at the age of 11 and kept in captivity for 18 years where she was raped, handcuffed and gave birth to two girls, Jaycee Dugard said she could not dream of escaping because she was so badly manipulated.

"I've asked myself that question many times. I know there was no leaving. The mind manipulation plus the physical abuse I suffered in the beginning, there was no leaving," Dugard, now 31, told ABC television in an interview ahead of her memoir "A Stolen Life," due to be released today.

Dugard was rescued in northern California along with her two daughters in 2009, when her kidnapper and convicted sex offender Phillip Garrido aroused suspicion while on campus at a northern California university.

"I didn't want there to be any more secrets. ... I hadn't done anything wrong. It wasn't something I did that caused this to happen. And I feel that by putting it all out there, it's very freeing." DUGARD

Dugard has since been reunited with the family that lost her in 1991 and lives with her mother and the two children Garrido fathered with Dugard when she was a teenager.

She told ABC in Sunday's interview how she survived the ordeal where she was initially raped with the threat of a stun gun — which was also used to kidnap her off the side of a road — until it and the use of handcuffs were no longer needed to keep her from fleeing.

"There's a switch that I had to shut off," she said. "I mean, I can't imagine being beaten to death, you know? And you can't imagine being kidnapped and raped, you know? So, it's just, you just do what you have to do to survive." REUTERS

One dead in Amtrak collision

BOSTON. A dump truck trying to beat a passenger train through a railway crossing collided with the locomotive in Maine yesterday, killing the truck driver, an Amtrak spokesman said.

The train, carrying 112 passengers from Boston to Portland, was about 40 miles south of its final destination when the crash occurred in North Berwick, Maine, at 11 a.m., police said.

The incident was the second accident involving a truck hitting an Amtrak train in the last month. Six people died when a tractor-trailer rig barreled through railroad gates in Nevada on June 24.

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Smaller business

- Study: Startups leaner, grow less
- Fewer companies surviving now

New businesses are starting leaner and with fewer employees than was the case in the past, an independent study showed yesterday, suggesting that the pace of job creation will remain frustratingly slow.

The study found that this trend was already entrenched well before the 2007-09 recession, which destroyed more than 8 million jobs.

Startups are key to long-term employment growth. The study drew on data on new establishments from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Census Bureau to paint a bleak picture of an economy struggling to generate enough jobs to absorb the 14.1 million unemployed Americans.

Job growth has stalled in recent months, with employers adding a scant 18,000 workers to their payrolls in June and the unemployment rate ticking up to 9.2 percent from 9.1 percent in May. Nonfarm employment increased a meager 25,000 in May.

Prior to the recession, roughly 45-50 percent of startups survived. But the survival rate has dropped below 45 percent. REUTERS

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▶ Analysis of BLS data shows employment at new businesses dropped from a peak of 4.7 million jobs annually between 1997 and 2000 to less than 2.5 million in 2010.

Obama pushes GOP on debt compromise

WASHINGTON. President Barack Obama increased pressure on Republican lawmakers yesterday to make concessions for a deal to avoid an Aug. 2 debt default and said both sides must "pull off the Band-Aid" and make sacrifices.

The president met with top U.S. lawmakers for the second straight day in the search for a way to break a budget impasse that is holding up a vote on raising the $14.3 trillion debt ceiling.

The Treasury Department has warned it will run out of money to cover the country's bills if Congress does not increase borrowing authority by Aug. 2. REUTERS

Quoted

"If not now, when?" OBAMA

Russian tragedy as boat sinks

SYUKEYEVO, RUSSIA. Russia said there was little hope of finding any more people alive yesterday after an overloaded tourist boat sank in the Volga River, killing 128 people in Russia's worst river accident in three decades.

Eighty people were rescued on Sunday after the Bulgaria, a double-decked river cruiser built in 1955, sank two miles from shore in a broad stretch of the river in Tatarstan. Sixty of the passengers may have been children, Russian media reported. REUTERS

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to.

Ben Stiller is discovering new talent, Sarah Silverman is distracted, Weird Al Yankovic has something to look forward to and Joan Rivers is matchmaking.

▶ @RedHourBen
Just saw the most incredible concert by Eddie Vedder. What an amazing energy and talent. I predict a future in the music industry for him.

▶ @SarahKSilverman
Cuba Gooding Jr & Matt Damon have the same smile. I've always thought this. Since I was a little girl.

▶ @alyankovic
Great news! Just found out my new album is so popular that I'll DEFINITELY be a trending topic on Twitter when I die. #cantwait

▶ @joan_rivers
I'm bringing my grandson to London to meet Pippa Middleton! Screw the 18-year age gap. They're both single, and he's a very mature 10.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

What's in a name?

Victoria and **David Beckham** welcomed their fourth child, a girl named **Harper Seven**, Sunday morning in Los Angeles, according to People magazine. The baby arrived at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces. "Harper is an old English name that [Victoria] has always liked," a source close to Victoria, 37, and David, 36, tells Us Weekly. "**Brooklyn**, **Romeo** and **Cruz** are excited to welcome their new baby sister to the family," a Beckham spokesperson says of the family's three sons. Because of the name Harper Seven, a new game started online where you can make your own Beckham baby name. To find yours, choose the first name of your favorite author and then your favorite Brad Pitt film. So mine would be Flannery the Mexican, which will totally be my mob name if this whole "gossip columnist" stuff doesn't work out.

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So long to Dr. Drew?

Quoted

"Dr. Drew Pinsky is just too busy to continue to do the show."
SOURCE

Dr. Drew Pinsky

While the sixth season of "Celebrity Rehab" is currently airing on VH1 with **Michael Lohan**, **Amy Fisher** and **Bai Ling**, it won't be for much longer, as the reality series is reportedly going on indefinite hiatus, according to Radar Online. "The decision was made to put the show on hiatus because **Dr. Drew Pinsky** is just too busy to continue to do the show," a source says. "The amount of time Dr. Drew has to commit to treating celebrities on the show is a tremendous amount of time." Too busy? Or too evident that his methods are more for entertainment and profits than to truly help the addicts? Sure, we've always known that despite Drew's sober demeanor and credentials, "Celebrity Rehab" was a farce. But then former contestant **Jeff Conaway** died in May, blatantly showing that rehab in exchange for viewers is a deadly way to help addicts. It's all entertainment until someone dies — Dr. Drew now knows he can't dilute his lucrative brand with yet another "celebrity" succumbing to his or her demons.

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Talking points

J. Lo back on 'American Idol'

Jennifer Lopez is reportedly returning for the next season of "American Idol," despite recent speculation that the pop singer and the singing competition would part ways after one season, according to E! Online. Lopez herself had admitted to being "on the fence" about signing up for another round, saying in a radio interview, "I had an amazing time doing it and I loved it, but I have a lot of other things happening, and it's going to come down to me making a decision of what I want to do for the next year." She joins fellow judges **Steven Tyler** and **Randy Jackson**, who have already renewed for the show's 11th season.

▶ Lopez

Kate preps that model womb

After marrying rocker **Jamie Hince** earlier this month, **Kate Moss** is reportedly cleaning up her act in an effort to get pregnant again, according to Hollyscoop. Moss and Hince are currently celebrating their honeymoon in the Mediterranean on a $15.9 million yacht on loan from Topshop owner Sir Philip Green. "Kate peaked at her wedding with alcohol, cigarettes and bacon butties, but Jamie wants her to become healthier as they try for a child," a source says. "Kate's gone to the Med equipped with wheat grass, barley grass and fish oils, with a view to getting pregnant when she comes home." The supermodel already has one daughter, **Lila Grace**, with former partner **Jefferson Hack**.

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The summer of celebrities continues ...

1: Actress Zooey Deschanel was the perfect picture of summer Saturday at the premiere of "Winnie The Pooh" at Walt Disney Studios in Burbank, Calif.

2: Along with Dawn Richards from "Diddy Dirty Money," Diddy volunteered at the Toffee Park Adventure Playground and Youth Centre on Monday in London. It's so strange to see him actually doing manual labor.

3: This picture is a bit old but she looks so cute you have to see it: Jennifer Aniston attended her Hand And Footprint Ceremony at Grauman's Chinese Theatre last Thursday in Hollywood.

4: Lauren Conrad and Lo Bosworth posed during the Dinosaur Ball at the Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County on Saturday.

5: Bristol Palin signed copies of her new book, "Not Afraid of Life: My Journey So Far," at Barnes & Noble in Phoenix on Saturday.

6: David Hasselhoff rocked the denim (two tones!) on Sunday while at the T4 On The Beach in Weston-Super-Mare, England.

7: On Sunday, Lemmy Kilmister of Motorhead dedicated his set at Sonisphere 2011 music festival to former Motorhead guitarist Michael "Wurzel" Burston, who died on Saturday at 61.

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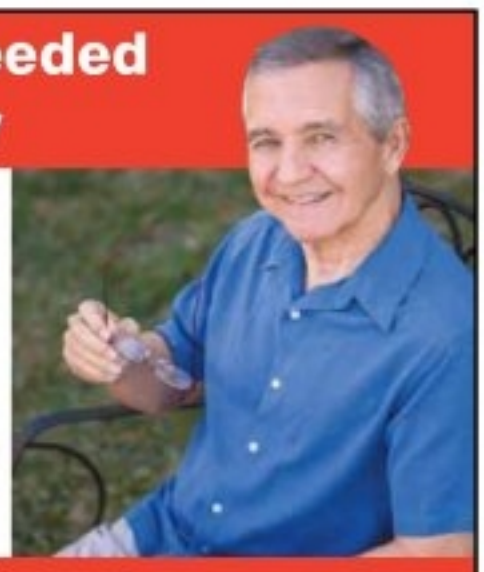

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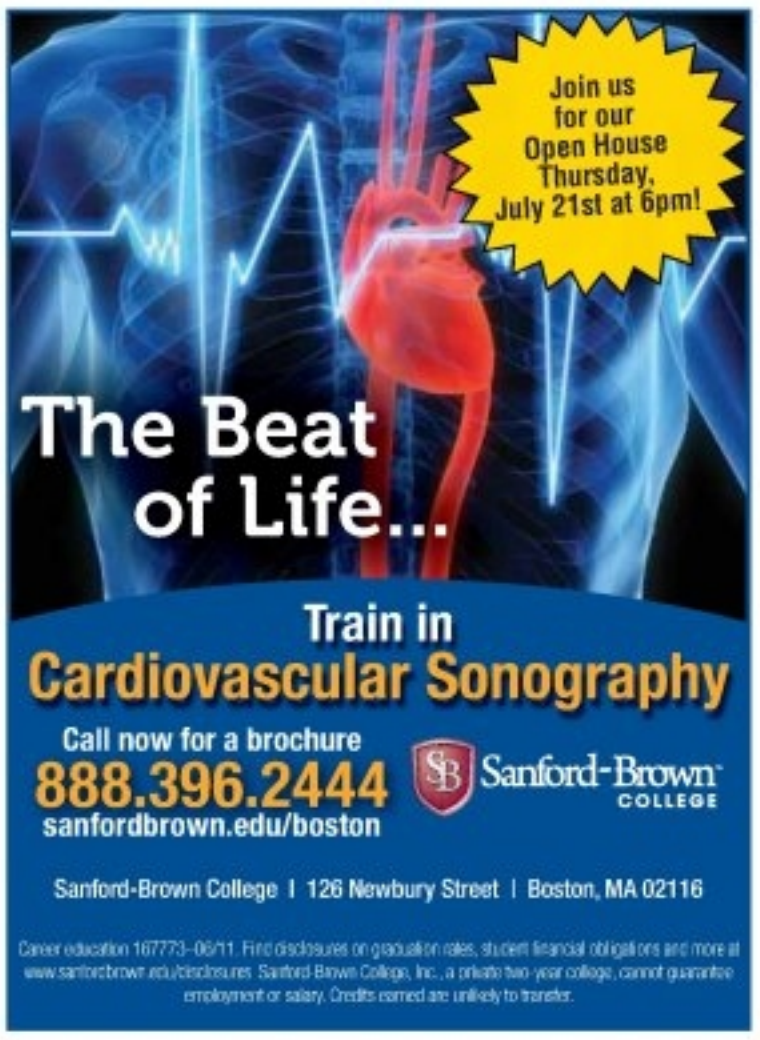
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Enter at your own risk

'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' is a little bit 'X-Men,' a little bit 'Harry Potter' and wonderfully creepy • Author Riggs on his new YA novel

In his new young adult novel, "Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children," Ransom Riggs brews a cauldron of time-tested creep factors. The story takes place on an all but abandoned island off the coast of Wales, where 16-year-old Jacob arrives after losing his grandfather in an accident. Thankfully, there's a creaky old shuttered orphanage to keep him busy.

The tale is accompanied by vintage photographs that inspired the orphanage's otherworldly inhabitants. "I was sort of an amateur collector of antique snapshots, and I started to get this little stash of peculiar photos of kids from a long time ago.

▶ Riggs

At some point I had to say, 'Who are these kids?'" Riggs explains. As much as we're freaked out by glassy-eyed children in Victorian clothing, we caught up with the author to find out more.

Wait — "Ransom Riggs." It just looks too good on the cover. Is that your real name?
It was a liability as a child, but yes, it's my given name.

What kind of photo inspired a character?
There just has to be something I didn't expect, something creepy in a certain way. If I'm looking for something very specific, I'll never find it. But sometimes I'll just be flipping through a pile and think "Oh! That girl has a snake around her neck."

How did you like writing for a younger audience?
When I was that age, I could smell from a mile away if they were writing down to me. That's the thing about kids. That, and if they're enthusiastic about it, they're really enthusiastic about it.

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The film rights for "Miss Peregrine" have already been sold to 20th Century Fox, but Riggs is keeping it all in perspective: "I have very simple wishes for the movie: I hope that it's good and that people like it."

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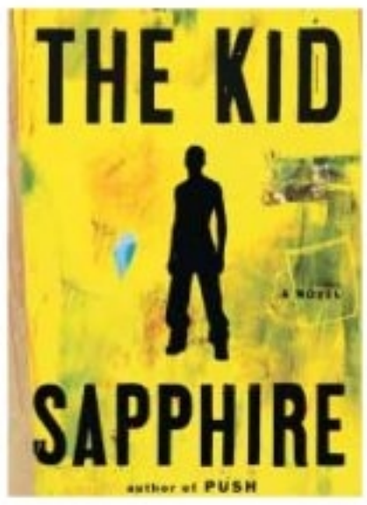
‘The Kid’ is not all right in author’s latest



For the millions of readers who fell in love with the character Precious in Sapphire’s 1996 book “Push,” and then the Academy-Award-winning film adaptation "Precious: Based on the novel Push by Sapphire," the author warns her follow-up novel, “The Kid,” is not going to be “your favorite bedtime story with a predictable ending. It’s complex and probing.”

Indeed. Through 376 sometimes heart-wrenching pages, “The Kid” follows Precious’ son Abdul through the death of his mother, then through a myriad of abuse from his foster home to the hands of demented priests of a Catholic boys’ home, then to his great-grandmother's roach-filled apartment until he finally finds solace in dance. But even that escape isn’t total — in “The Kid,” Abdul is a seriously flawed character, one who heaps abuse on others the way it was done to him.

“Precious isn’t destroyed by her demons, she’s destroyed by poor medical care and indifference,” says Sapphire on the difference between her characters. “Abdul is not destroyed, he is strong enough to fight back. Precious was a total victim. With ‘The Kid,’ we have to look at a person who is flawed himself.”

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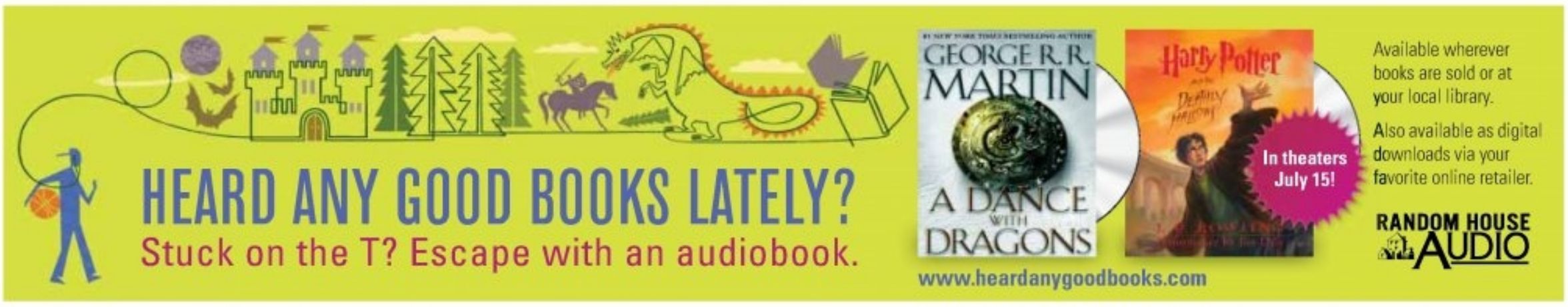
And despite its bleak tone, Sapphire says “The Kid” isn’t a dark novel — it’s just a tougher one. “It’s just a much harder novel,” she claims. “I feel like a lot of people thought she’d get the right medication and live. But because I’m a writer who adheres to social realism, you know women like Precious don’t have that outcome. So I took the heaviest parts of what is happening with families who are devastated by AIDS and poverty and put it on the shoulders of Abdul.”

DOROTHY ROBINSON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The rich get it both ways!

According to the Center of Budget and Policy Priorities, four out of five states are facing huge budget gaps since the 2008 recession. Out of those states, 30 of them cut spending and increased taxes to eliminate those gaps. The majority of these states were Republican-leaning states. Logic dictates that the only way to close a gap is to force both ends together (cut spending, raise taxes). If Republicans can do it for their home state, why can't they do it for their country?
RICH BRITTLE SR., VIA E-MAIL

It's puzzling to me the near-agreement to reduce the national debt by increasing the retirement age. Yeah, baby, let's all work till we are 70, that is really going to create lots of job openings for the young'uns. That and more tax loopholes for the wealthy. Way to go America!
SUZY SANDOR, VIA E-MAIL

I get so sick of hearing Republican politicians wanting to cut Medicare and Social Security. This is not their money to cut! Social Security was set up as a separate account, a trust fund. The interest generated from the deposits

"We have all but made America a debtor's nation, enslaving future generations with a level of debt that will force them to choose between lives of crushing poverty or national bankruptcy."
JANET MCCARTHY, VIA E-MAIL

would have supported payout to the end of time. Greedy politicians used this money for all manner of things other then the intended purpose. Cut the fat from D.C. before you

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touch money that makes the difference between living or starving to death! **MARY FISHER, VIA E-MAIL**

Across the country, there is a heated debate about the federal budget. Many make the mistaken claim that the U.S. government is broke. However, the real discussion should be about how we spend the money that we do have. Budgets are about choices. Our elected officials can choose to continue giving handouts to the oil industry that has already made $38 billion in profits in the first three months of 2011. They can choose to give tax breaks to people who buy second and third vacation houses, or they can choose to ensure that working families can keep a roof over their heads. **MARC PELLETIER, BOSTON**

Horoscope

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** It won't be necessary for you to have to ask for parity with associates. The acknowledgement you get from them regarding their feelings toward you will be sincere and welcoming.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Strive to participate in activities that might be a bit challenging but are ones you thoroughly enjoy doing. It will not only rejuvenate your outlook but will get your mind working.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Needed information from reluctant sources can be gotten more easily by asking indirect questions rather than being openly aggressive. People talk freely when they aren't pushed.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** It is generally the little things we do and say to friends that make the most lasting impressions. A small deed from you will register and be cherished for a long time to come.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Even though you are likely to be far more clever in financial matters than those with whom you'll have dealings, you won't take advantage.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Don't be surprised to hear from someone who has moved away and now resides at quite a distance from you. You're very much in the thoughts of this person at this time.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Even though you've been aware of an endeavor that you know you would fit into quite well, you've done nothing about it. You're wanted, so do something about it now.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** You are already aware of all the things you know, but new knowledge can be acquired from others if you draw them out and get them talking.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Many of those with whom you're involved might overlook some significant details, but not you. That is the very reason why you'll fare much better.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Being able to get along with everybody, you're a welcome addition to any gathering. However, the people you'll enjoy the most today are those who share your philosophy and politics.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If you're not getting the elasticity from your funds that you want, take the time to examine why. There is no better day than now for improvement.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Your personality is one that makes all of your friends feel they are fun to be around. You'll do this today without using flattery, but accepting pals for who they are. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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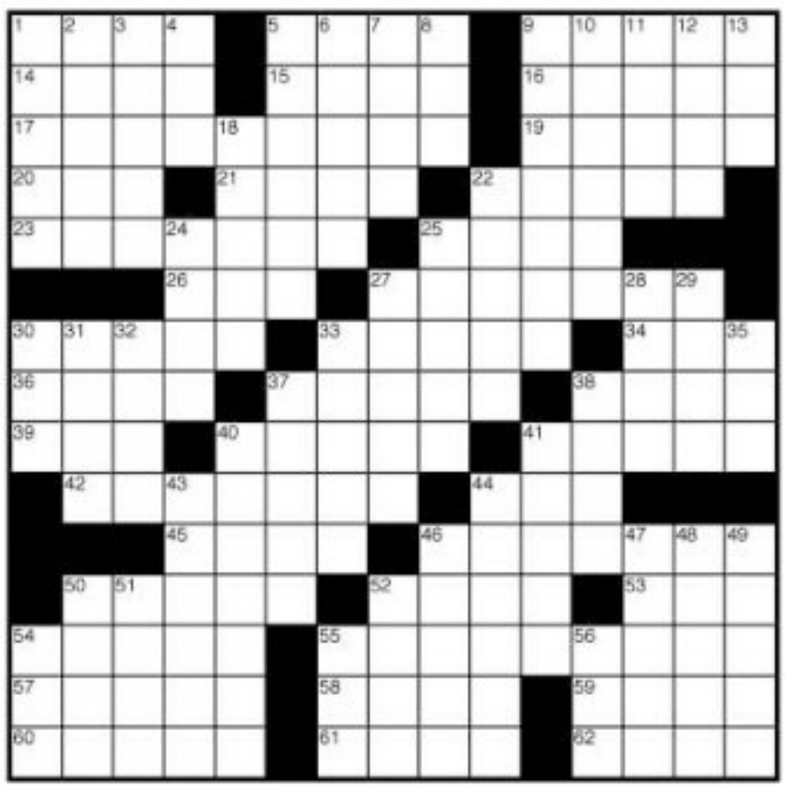

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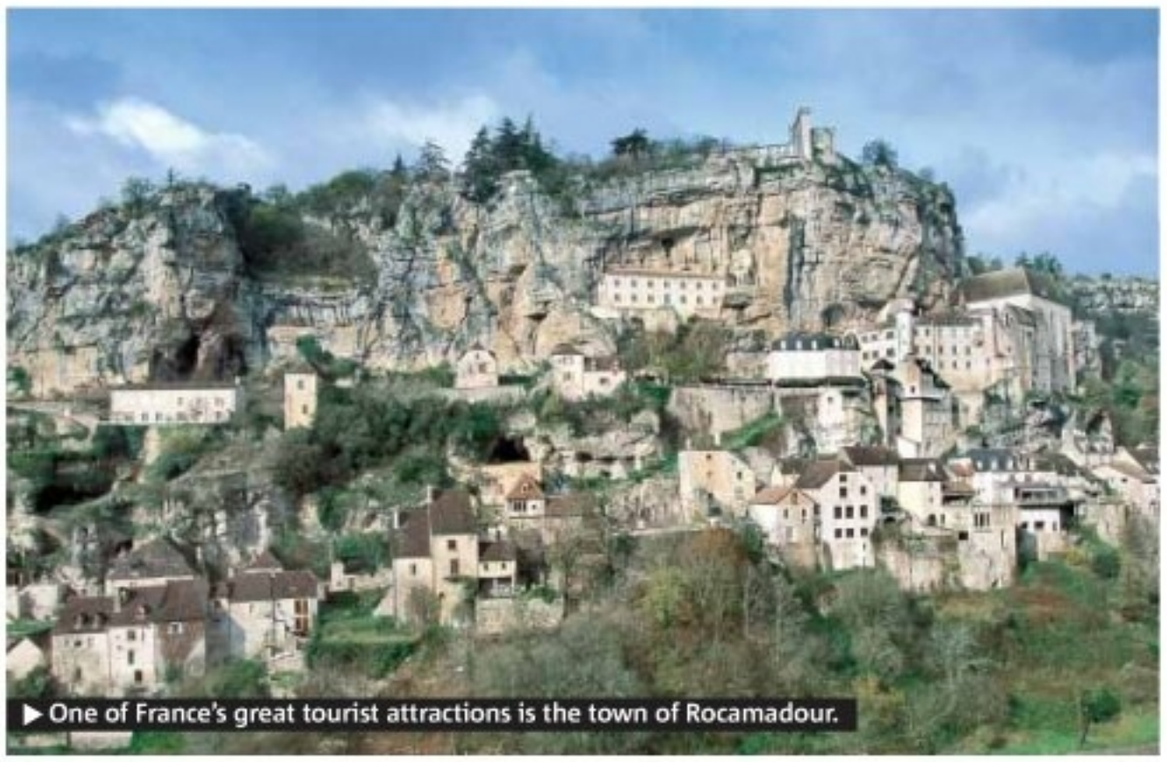

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Where to stay

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Where to go

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Where to eat

It's nearly impossible to have a bad meal anywhere, but the Lot boasts two one-star Michelin restaurants: **Le Gindreau (www.legindreau.com)**, in St. Medard, home of the gregarious and elaborately mustachioed chef Alexis Pelissou and **Le Balandre (www.balandre.com)**, in Cahor's Hotel Terminus. For a more relaxed atmosphere but a no less exquisite meal, try La Recreation in nearby Les Arques, housed in a former schoolhouse. The village also houses a museum to post-Cubist artist Ossip Zadkine. On the other end of the spectrum, you can eat on the very farm where the food (many of them are centered around ducks for foie gras) is raised at Ferme Auberges, like Ferme Aux delices de la Serpt.

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Injuries have marred tonight's All-Star Game rosters Jeter, A-Rod, Lester and others will miss out on the fun Enter Asdrubal, Alexi and Jhonny Either way, it still looks like a ...

Some of your favorite players won't be in tonight's MLB All-Star Game: The injury rolls are almost as impressive as the actual rosters.

But fans had better get to know Alexi Ogando, Aaron Crow and Jonny Venters fast. With Alex Rodriguez, Jose Reyes, Derek Jeter and Shane Victorino — among others — out, they'll be some of the guys deciding home-field advantage for the World Series.

Plenty of true stars in, too

That's not to say tonight will be a no-name affair.

The best pitcher in baseball — Philadelphia's Roy Halladay (right) — will start for the National League. The AL counters his 11-3 record and 2.45 ERA with the Angels' Jered Weaver.

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And don't forget The Beard — San Francisco's Brian Wilson should see some time on the mound.
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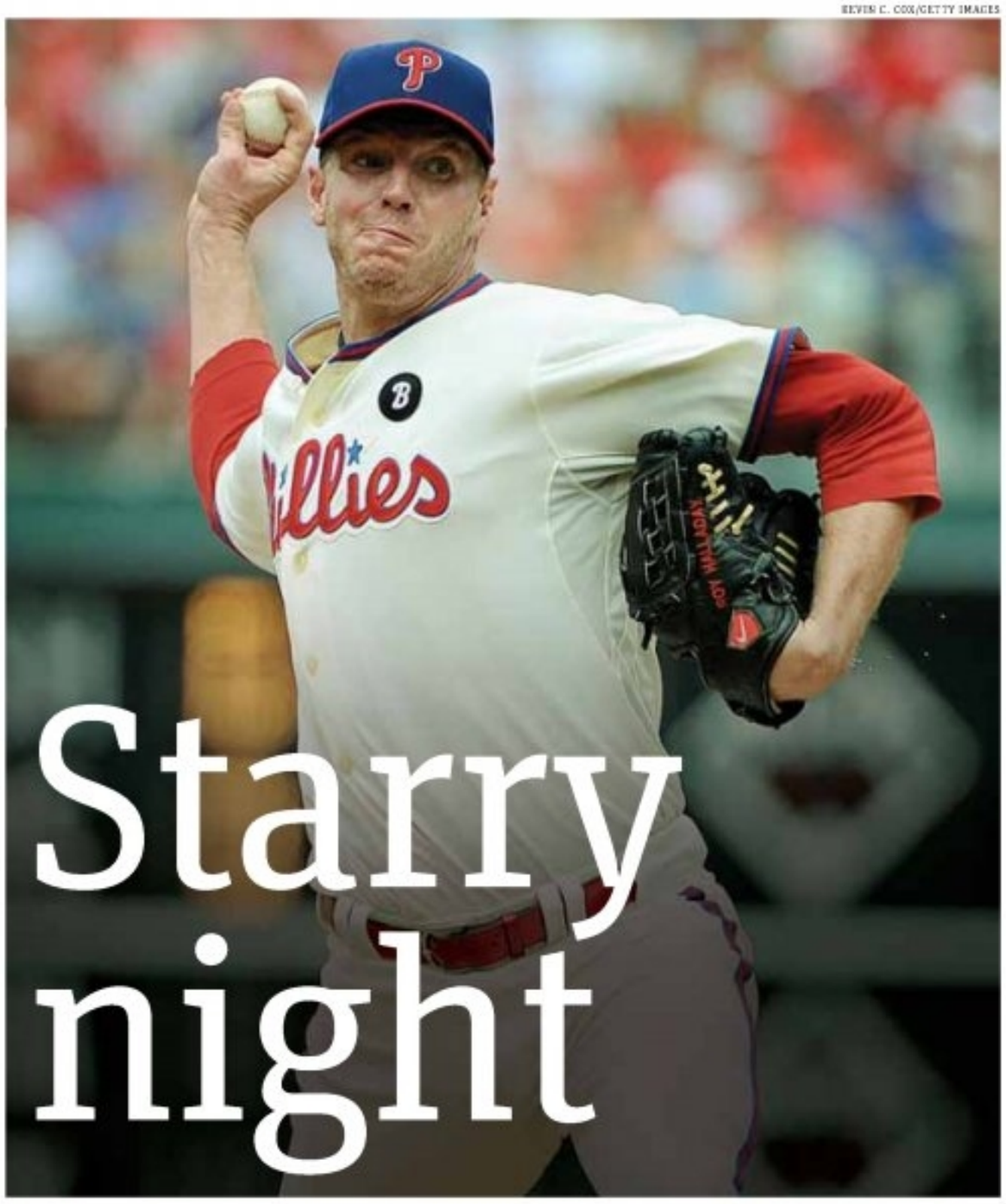

Starry night

American League

STARTERS		
NAME	POSITION	TEAM
ALEX AVILA	C	DET
ADRIAN GONZALEZ	1B	BOS
ROBINSON CANO	2B	NYY
ADRIAN BELTRE#	3B	TEX
ASDRUBAL CABRERA#	SS	CLE
JOSE BAUTISTA	OF	TOR
CURTIS GRANDERSON	OF	NYY
JOSH HAMILTON	OF	TEX
DAVID ORTIZ	DH	BOS
JERED WEAVER	SP	LAA

NOTABLE RESERVES		
NAME	POSITION	TEAM
JOSH BECKETT	P	BOS
JON LESTER#*	P	BOS
KEVIN YOUKILIS#	3B	BOS
JACOBY ELLSBURY	OF	BOS
ALEX RODRIGUEZ*	3B	NYY
DEREK JETER*	SS	NYY
RUSSELL MARTIN	C	NYY
DAVID ROBERTSON#	P	NYY
MARIANO RIVERA*	P	NYY
CC SABATHIA*	P	NYY

* — INJURED; # — REPLACEMENT

National League

STARTERS		
NAME	POSITION	TEAM
BRIAN MCCANN	C	ATL
PRINCE FIELDER	1B	MIL
RICKIE WEEKS	2B	MIL
SCOTT ROLEN	3B	CIN
TROY TULOWITZKI	SS	COL
LANCE BERKMAN	OF	STL
MATT KEMP	OF	LAD
MATT HOLLIDAY	OF	STL
CARLOS BELTRAN	DH	NYM
ROY HALLADAY	SP	PHL

NOTABLE RESERVES		
NAME	POSITION	TEAM
CLIFF LEE	P	PHL
CHIPPER JONES	3B	ATL
RYAN BRAUN	OF	MIL
TIM LINCECUM	P	SFG

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Six Sox will take field for AL tonight

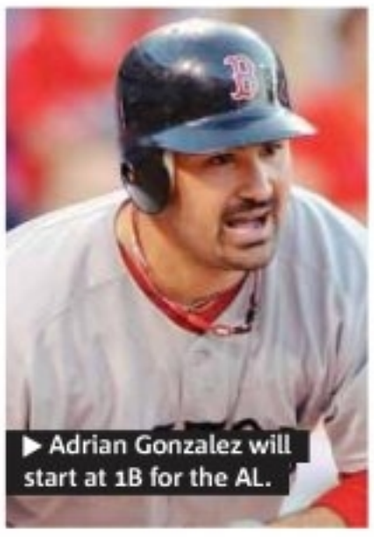
Sluggers and pitchers alike get their night in the sun Papi and A-Gonz to start — rare for an NL park

Tonight's All-Star Game in Arizona will have a decided Boston flair to it.

Six Red Sox — four position players and two pitchers — are on the American League roster, and five are likely to see time in the game.

First baseman Adrian Gonzalez and DH David Ortiz — playing together in an NL ballpark! — are in the starting lineup. Outfielder Jacoby Ellsbury and third baseman Kevin Youkilis will come off the bench, and Josh Beckett is expected to pitch two innings.

Jon Lester was named an All-Star after Seattle's Felix Hernandez started Sunday, making him ineligible to pitch for the AL. Lester won't throw, either — he's on the DL. METRO



▶ Adrian Gonzalez will start at 1B for the AL.

On the air tonight
MLB All-Star Game
8 p.m., FOX, ESPN Radio

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Tour de France. Still in

▶ Johnny Hoogerland got to relax a bit during yesterday's first rest day of the Tour de France. The race begins again today in Aurillac.

Riding after the crash

Johnny Hoogerland — the rider who was knocked into a barbed wire fence by a rogue TV car during the Tour de France on Sunday — said yesterday he intends to keep riding in the race, despite 33 stitches in his legs and a massive time loss. METRO

Vrabel retires to coach OSU linebackers

Longtime Patriots standout Mike Vrabel has retired from the NFL to coach linebackers at Ohio State.

Vrabel, who played eight seasons for New England, registering 48 sacks in 110 starts, made the move official with a statement released through his agent.

"After 14 years in the National Football League, I have decided to retire and accept the position of Linebackers Coach at The Ohio State University," it read in part. METRO

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